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WSP to participate In safety campaign over Labor Day weekend

OLYMPIA -- Chief Lowell M. Porter announced today the Washington State Patrol (WSP) will be joining other state law enforcement agencies across the nation in a Labor Day weekend safety campaign entitled Operation C.A.R.E. (Combined Accident Reduction Effort). The goal of Operation C.A.R.E. is to reduce human suffering on our highways and interstates - particularly during the busy holiday weekends. These efforts will begin on September 3, 2004 and conclude at midnight on Monday, September 6, 2004.

During the fourth of July weekend, there were five highway fatalities investigated by the Washington State Patrol, and 358 collisions on our states highways, 31 of which were alcohol related.

"In the hope of reducing the number of collisions, injuries or deaths WSP troopers will be busy over the holiday weekend enforcing the four core mission areas: DUI, aggressive driving, dangerous speeding, and seatbelts," said Chief Lowell M. Porter. "As long as there are lives being lost on our highways, we will continue to focus on these areas to increase the safety on Washington's roads."

Troopers will be using marked and unmarked patrol vehicles, motorcycles, and aircraft during this time. Commercial vehicle safety compliance will also be included as the WSP continues its on-going effort to make Washington's highways as safe as possible.

To contact a Public Information Officer in your area about the WSP's participation in Operation C.A.R.E., please visit our web site at www.wsp.wa.gov/newsfaqs/pio.htm for contact information.

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